

Haiti Health Ministries

End of Year Report – 2023

13 Make Decisions to Follow Christ

In 2023, we had 13 patients who decided to follow Christ, bringing our total since 2006 to 980. We do not push people to make a decision to follow Jesus but do present a morning devotion from the Bible and ask if anyone would like to do so. We listen to the patients and respond to their needs throughout the day. Do they desire prayer; does it seem like they are struggling; are they seriously ill and facing possible death? We strive to meet not only physical needs but also spiritual needs.



Alexandro after surgical removal of a tumor found at HHM.



Alexandro pre op

Alexandro had a huge abdomen

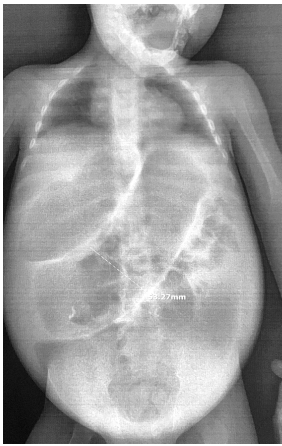
In the fall of 2022 when he arrived at our clinic, being sent by another missionary in Haiti, sonography showed a mass. We did a CT scan to help the hospital decide if they could remove the mass. He went to the children's hospital in Port and returned to us in February this year with a much smaller belly and a scar. ***Without God's help, your donations, and prayers, we could not find solutions to complex problems like this.***

Emergencies Rule the Day

Our emergency room is very active even though we are not a hospital. Patients come because they know we do not turn patients away. If time permits, we diagnose and stabilize them to send them out on the HAA helicopter. If it is something we know only a hospital can handle and they need speed, we will climb in the back of the pickup, take blood pressure and vital signs, insert an IV, put a dressing in place, and then send them on their way. We never know what will walk through the door on any day. This sweet little girl came in with cholera and no blood pressure. She went to a nearby cholera center to receive IV fluids.



Please pray for wisdom for us to learn new ways to get supplies from Port.



140 Patients/Day = 34,960 This Year

With 7 providers we are currently averaging 140 patients seen/day. We have 4 physicians, a physician assistant and 2 nurses who consult patients. Our team handles many diabetics, hypertensives, prenatal, chronic wounds, heart problems, and the everyday acute illnesses that are seen. A toddler named Widemsa came in with an intestinal blockage. This is usually due to a weakness in the wall of the intestines. It requires surgery so we sent him to a charity hospital capable of surgery on children.

Diabetes and Insulin Needs

In November Edouard a 12-year-old arrived carried in by his dad weighing 41#. We had to use a toddler cuff to find his blood pressure was too low. It was his 4th episode of diabetic ketoacidosis since his diagnosis in July. His family (6 brothers and sisters) could not afford insulin on dad's meager salary. On this day, his friends paid for him to come to HHM because they heard about us. He received emergency care and a free ride via HAA to a charity hospital in Port au Prince. We sent a bottle of insulin along just in case he was discharged without one, as well as money for food, meds, and his transport home. Insulin costs between \$7-8 in Haiti. ***Our HHM General fund helps us to buy medications and our Poor fund helps us pay to send poor patients to hospitals when they cannot afford it.***



Chronic Wounds

Because our practice has prioritized people with chronic illnesses like diabetes, hypertension, heart disease, and sickle cell, we see a lot of consequences of these problems. Lorette our ER nurse also handles their difficult to heal body parts - mostly feet. It is rare that she must send them for amputation. She patiently changes dressings, checks their blood pressures, sugars, refills medications and gives them another appointment. It isn't glamorous but is necessary. The next time your feet are sore, remember to pray for Lorette.

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